

Application No.: 10/797890

Case No.: 59474US002

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-16 will be pending. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-16. Claims 17-20 have been canceled without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing application. In view of the cancellation of claims 17-20, the rejection of claims 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Sun et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0053460A1) in view of Fawcett (U.S. Publication 2002/0042200A1) is moot.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 19, 2004 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions concerning Applicants' application.

Respectfully submitted,

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